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BLACK CROSS

Black Cross finally has a lead... and it's one that takes him out of the shadows and into the glittering lights of the Great World, Shanghai's premiere amusement complex.

As he ricochets through the brightly lit halls, bullets blasting apart balustrades behind him, it becomes clear that he's not the only one keeping his cards close to his chest...



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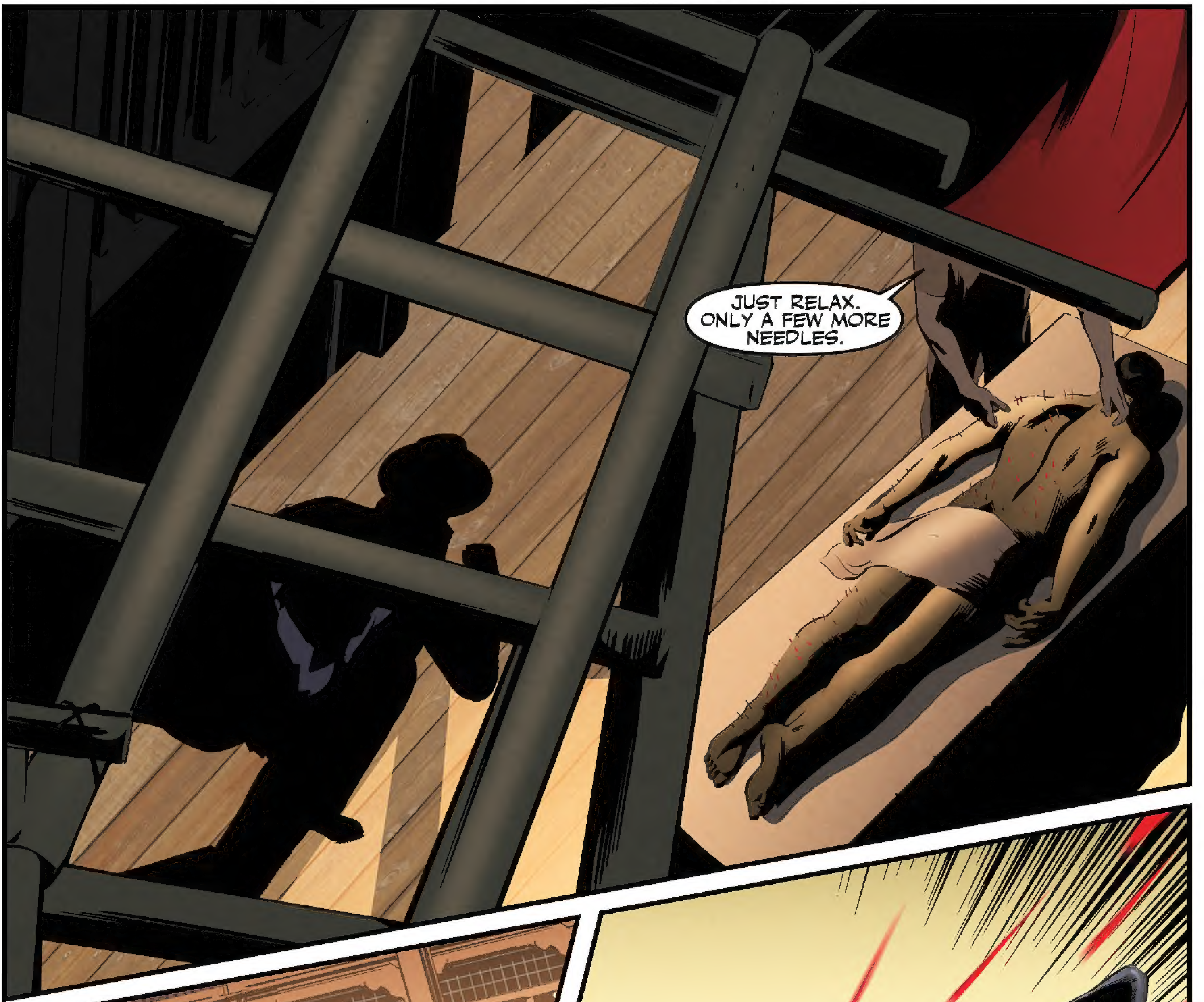
The Great World, Shanghai · April, 1927

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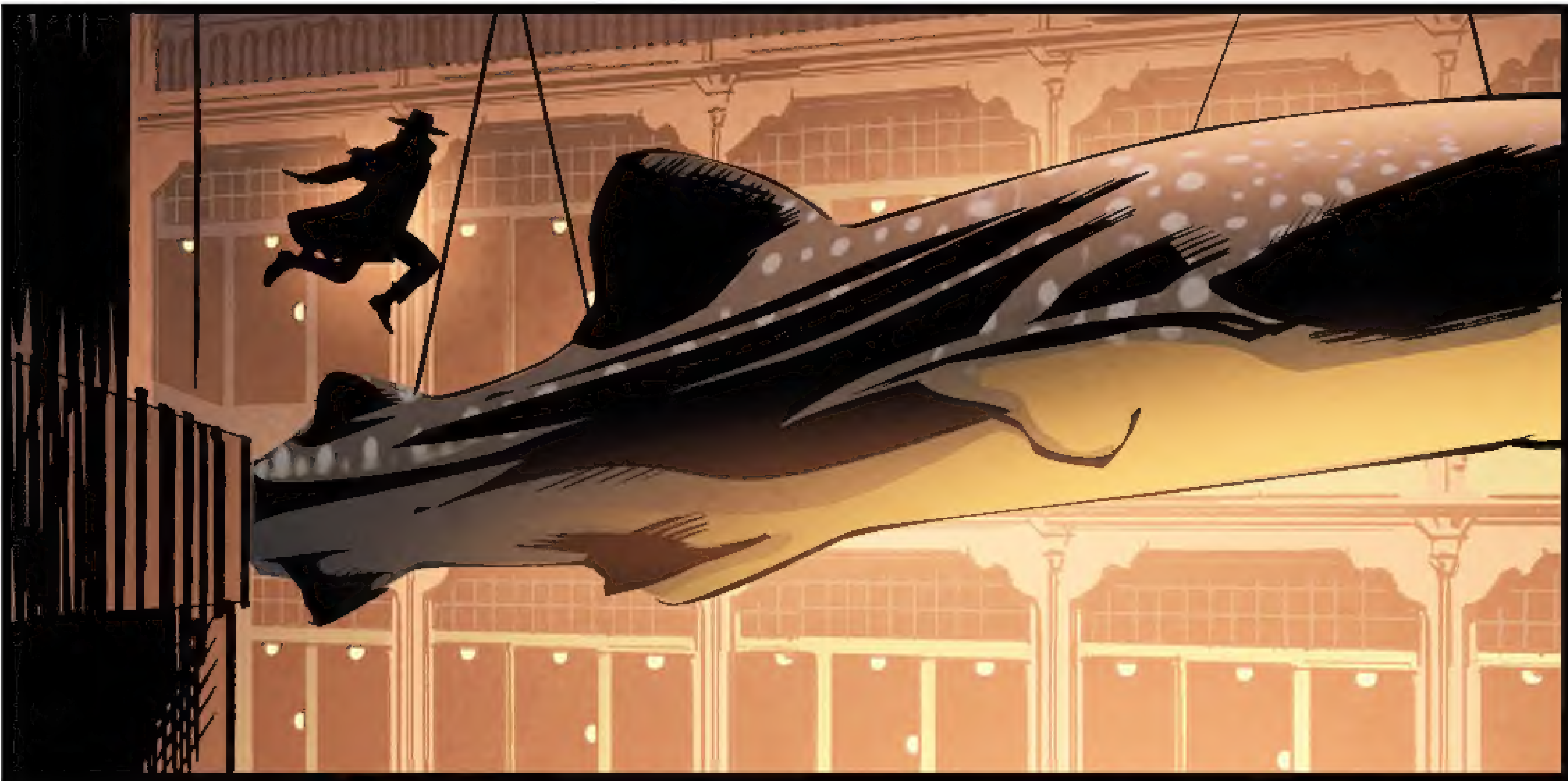


«AFTER
HIM! AFTER
HIM! GO!»

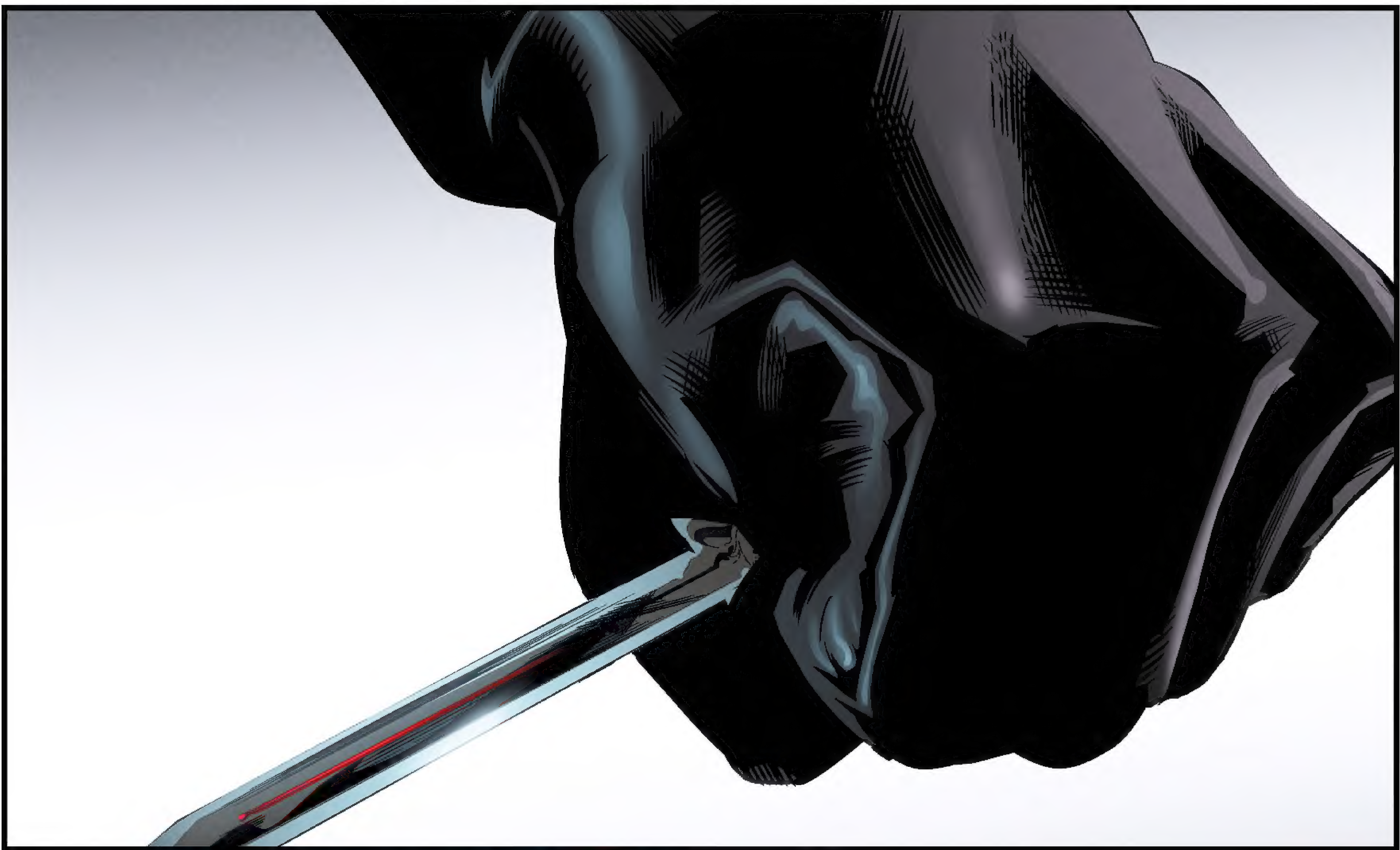
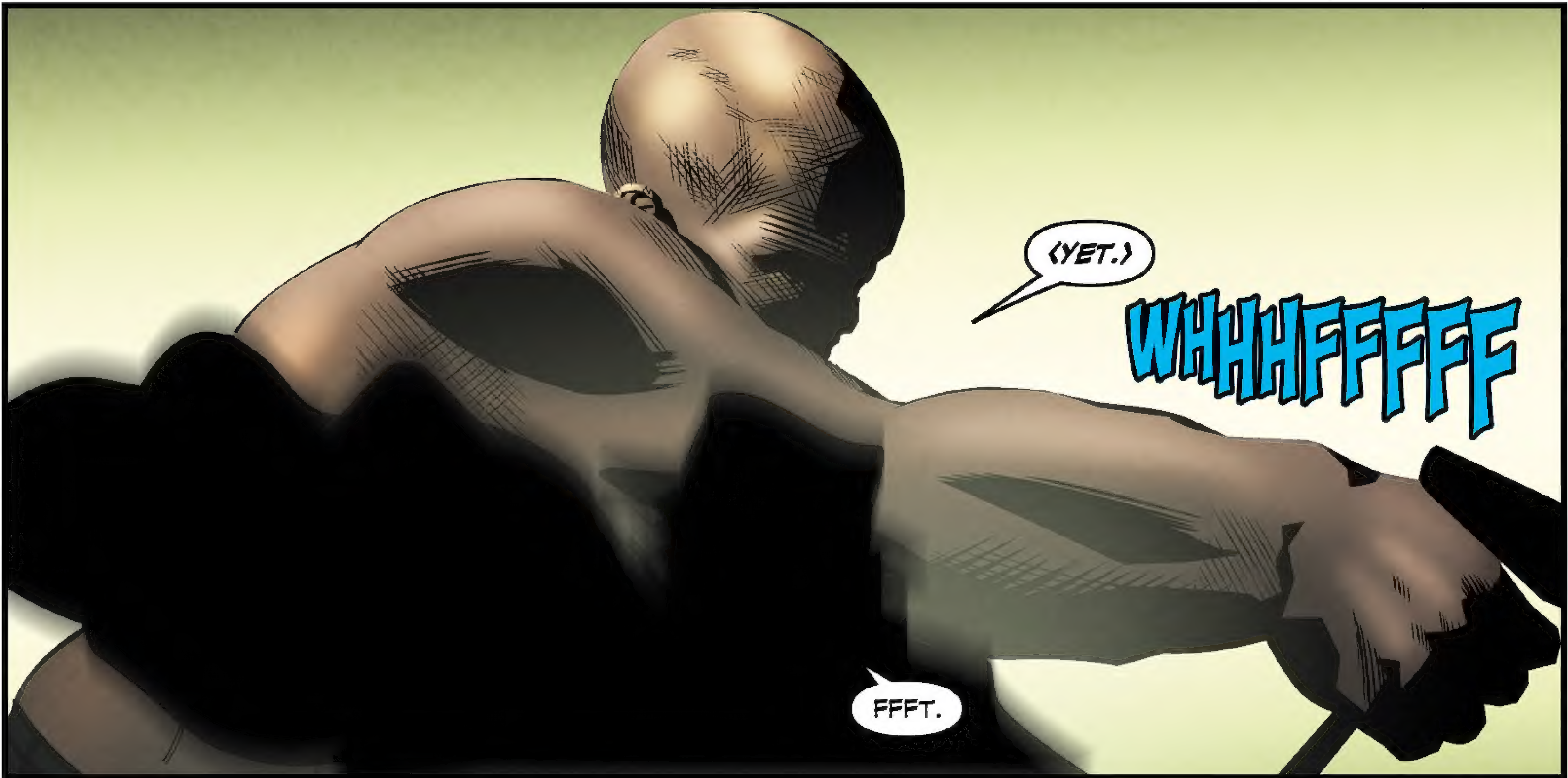


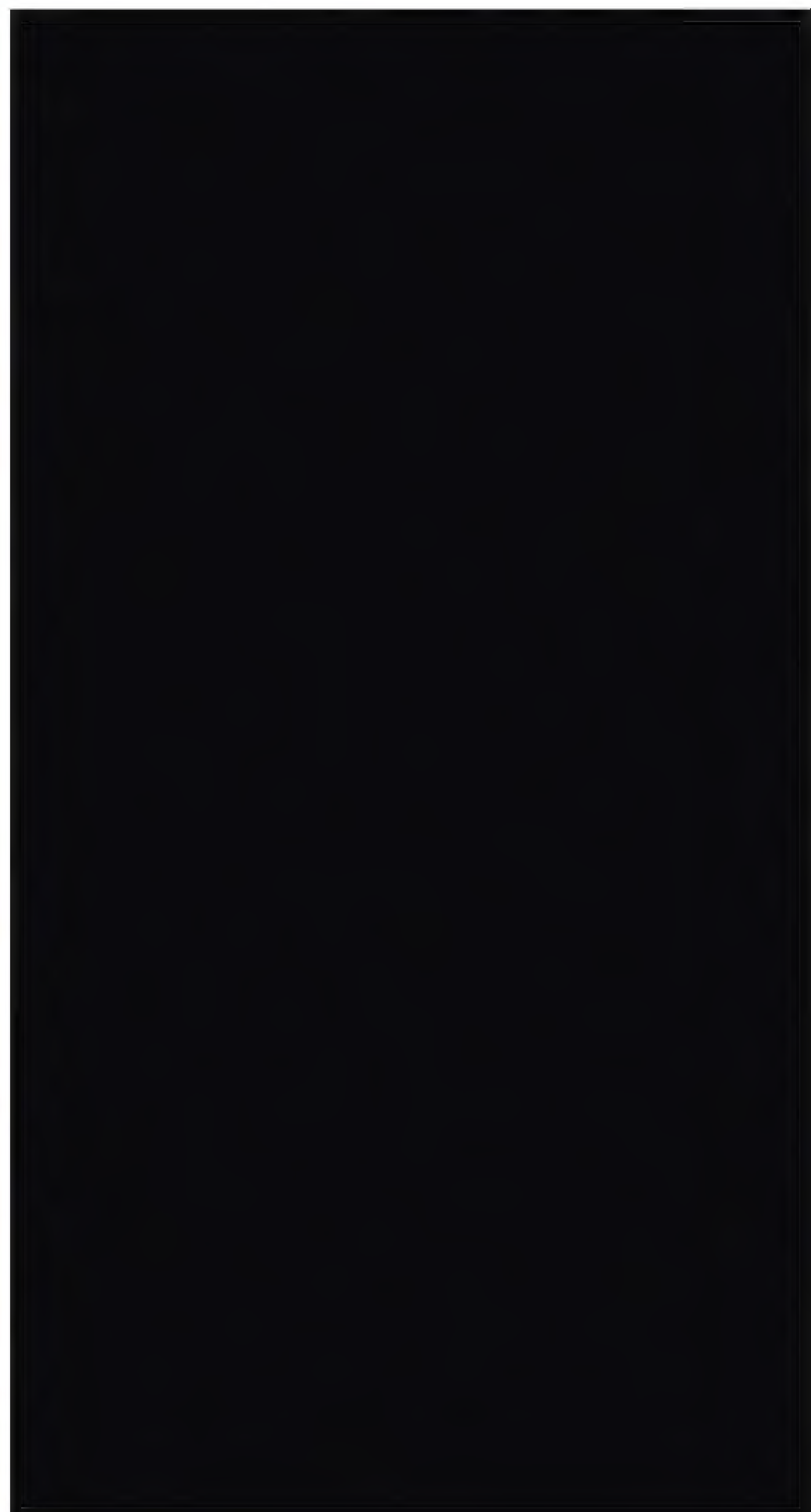
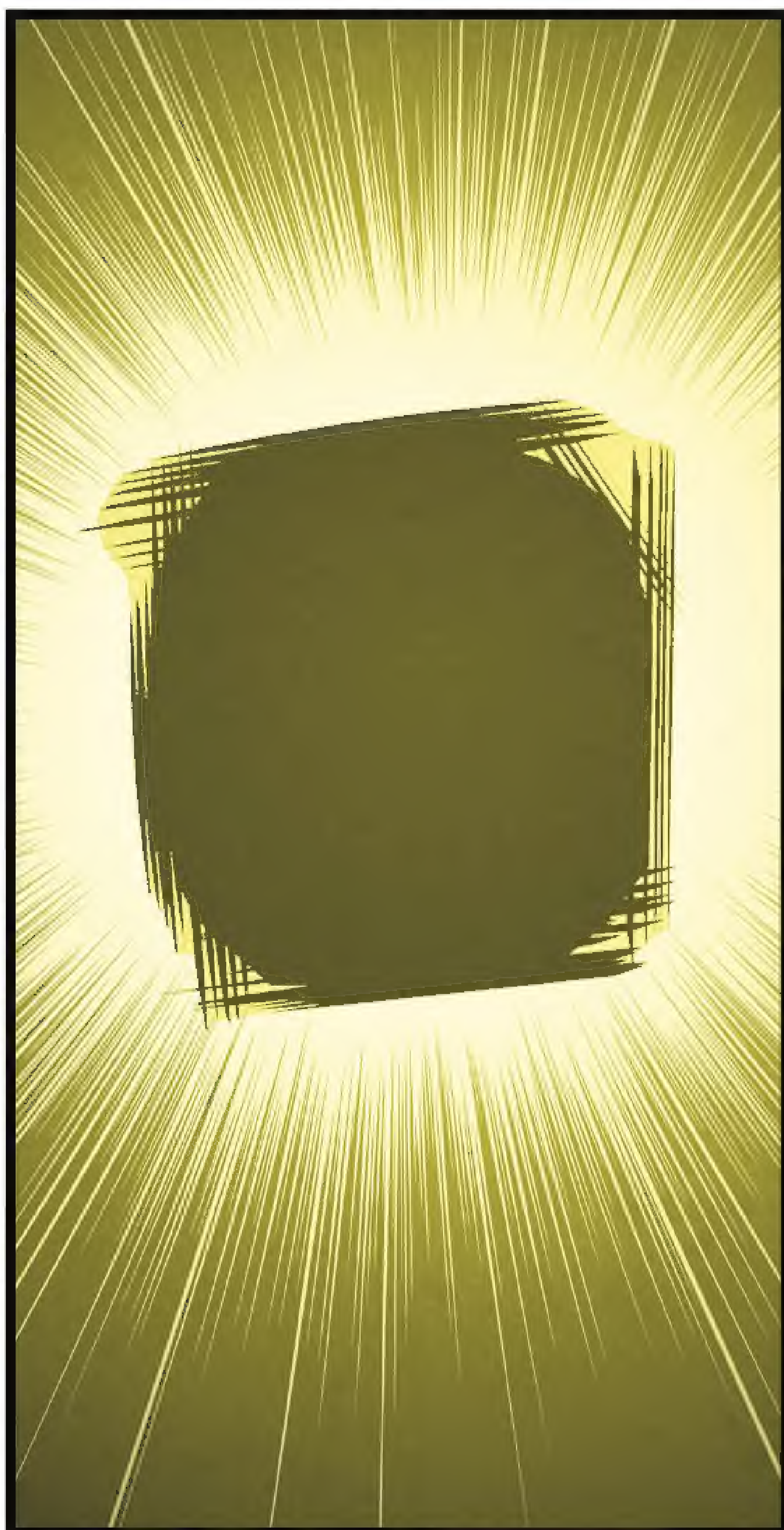
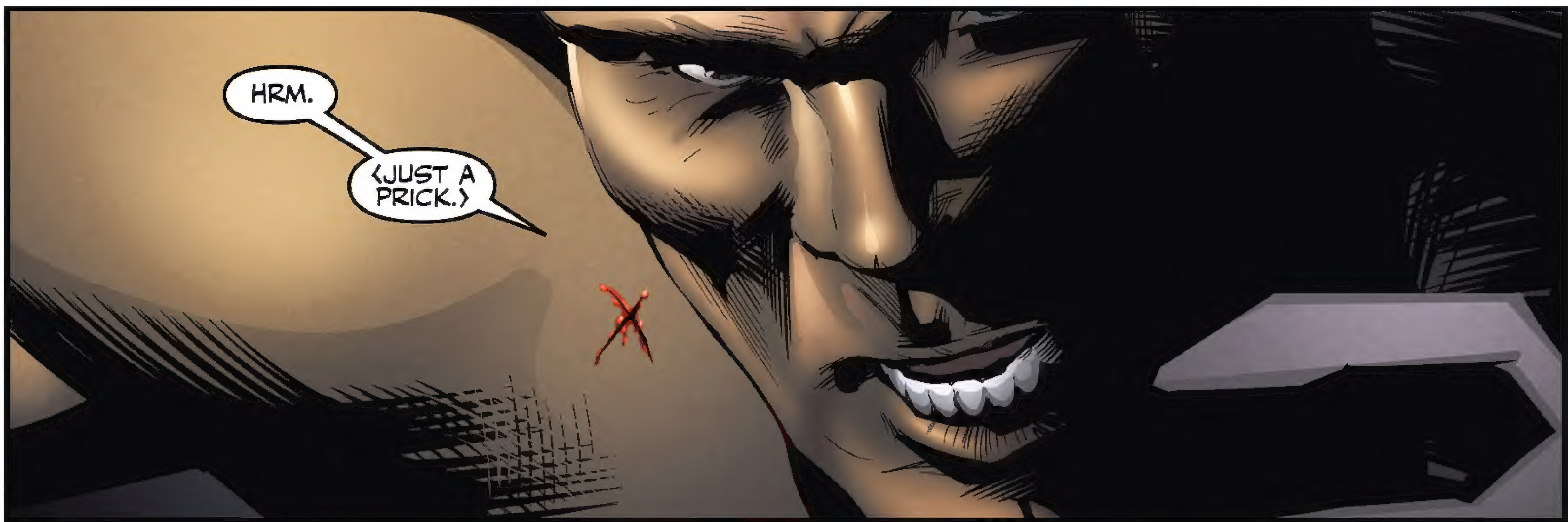


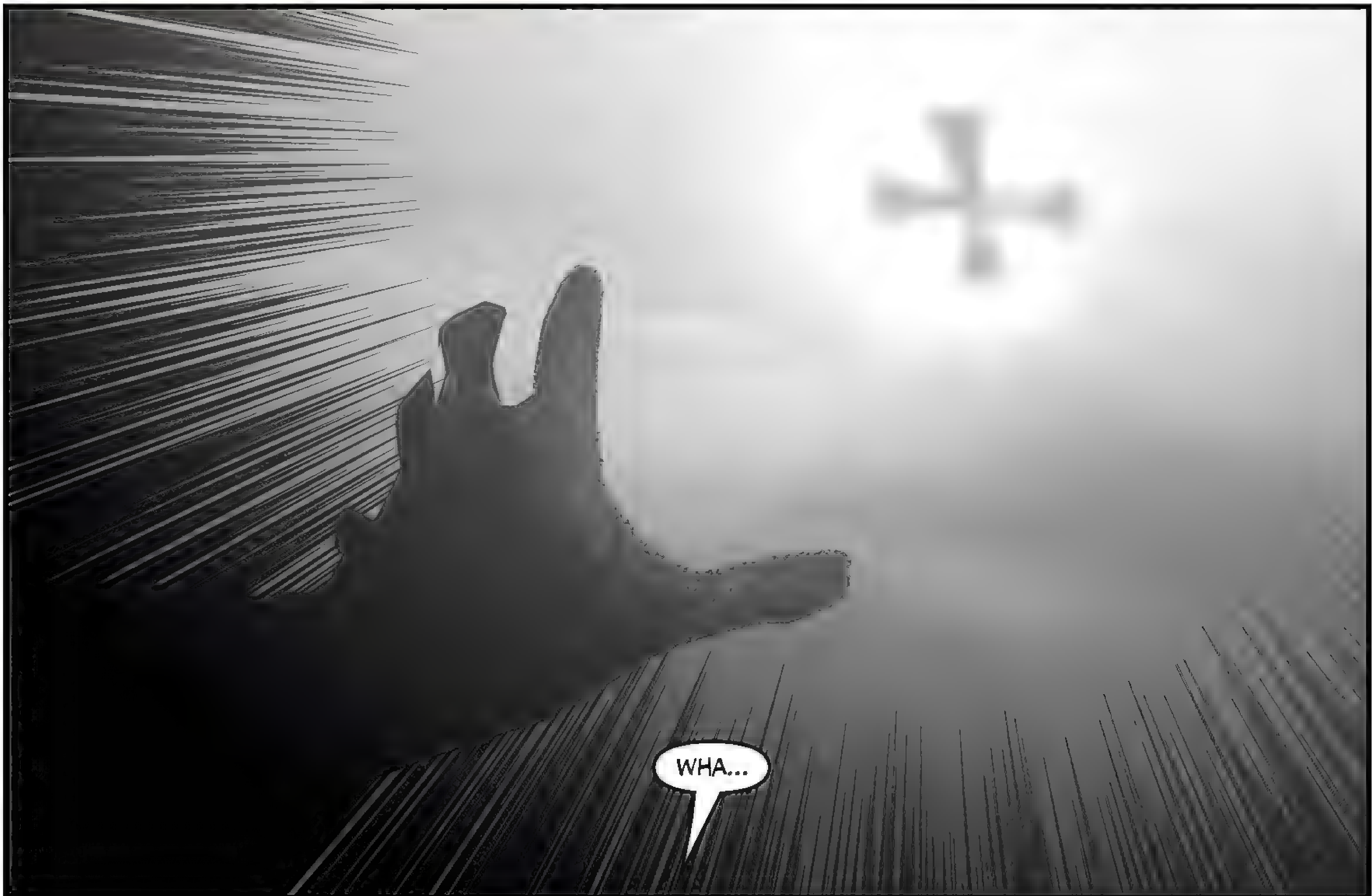


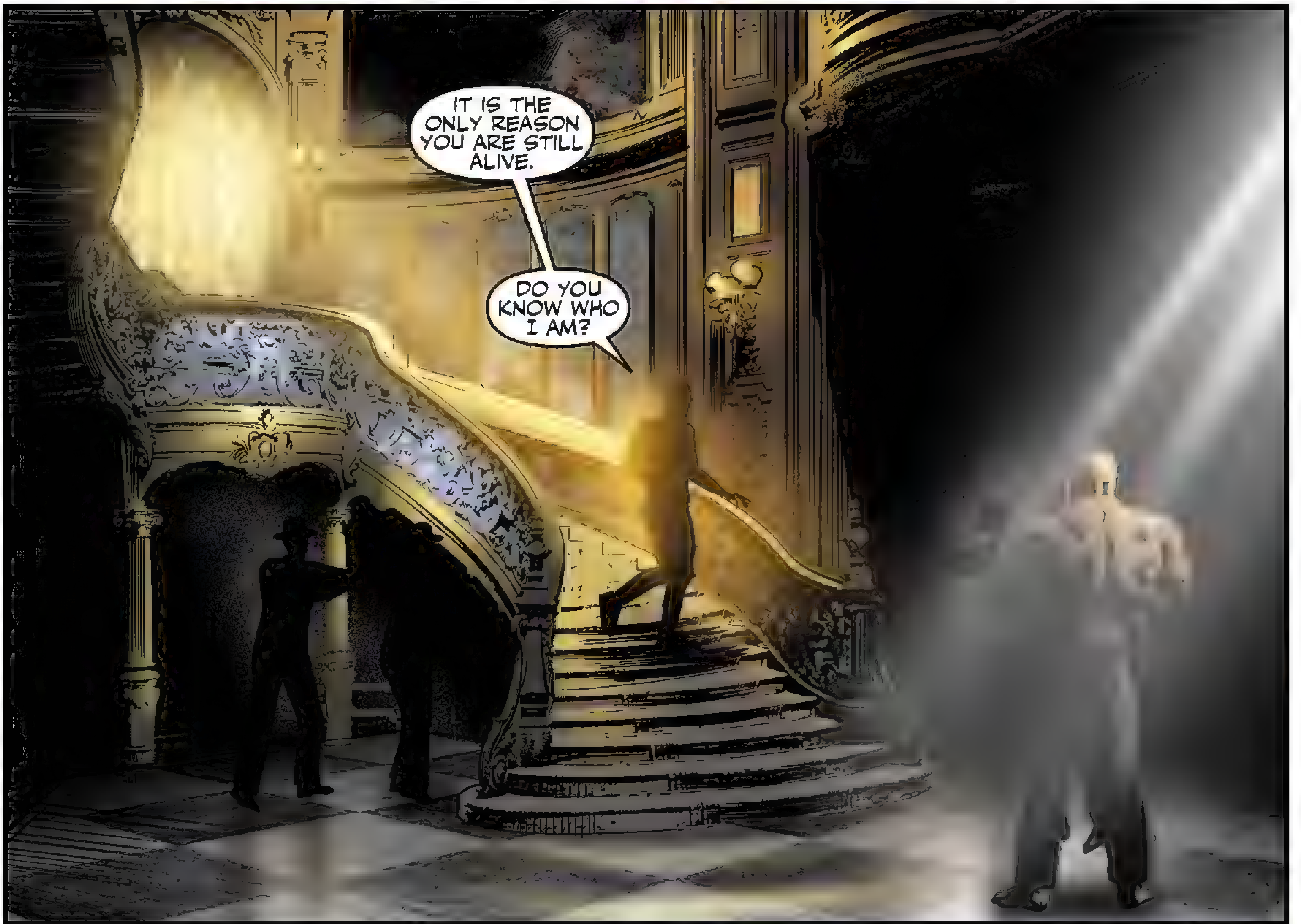
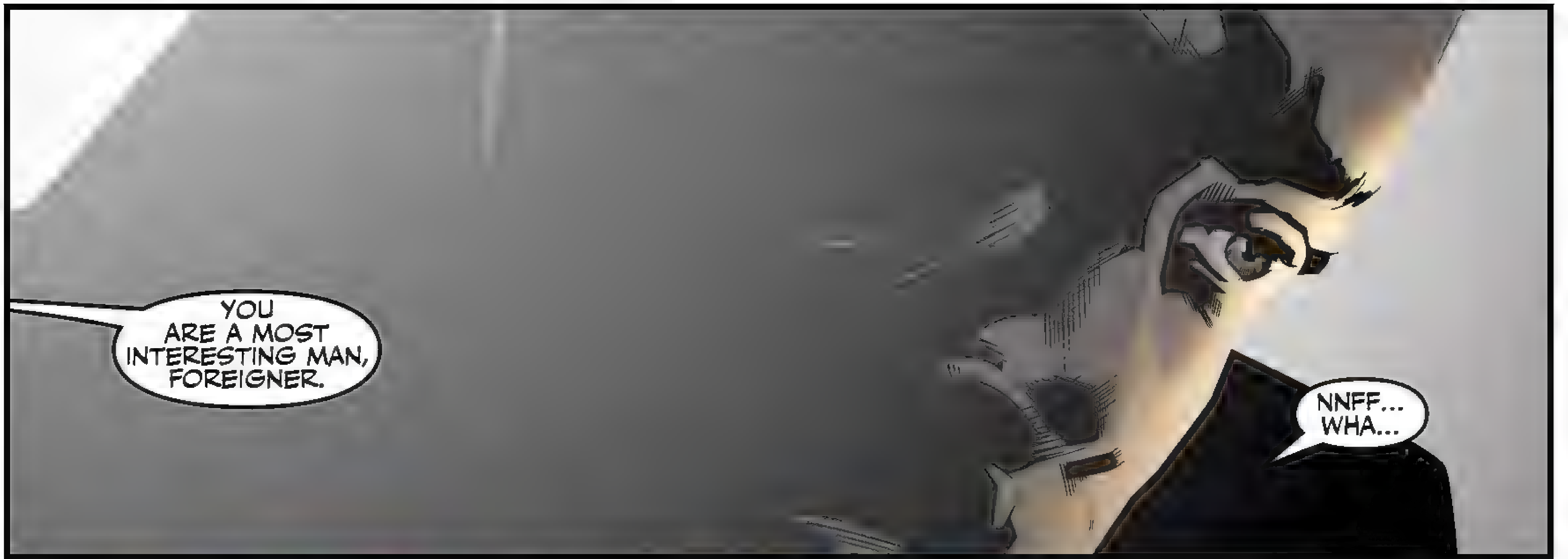


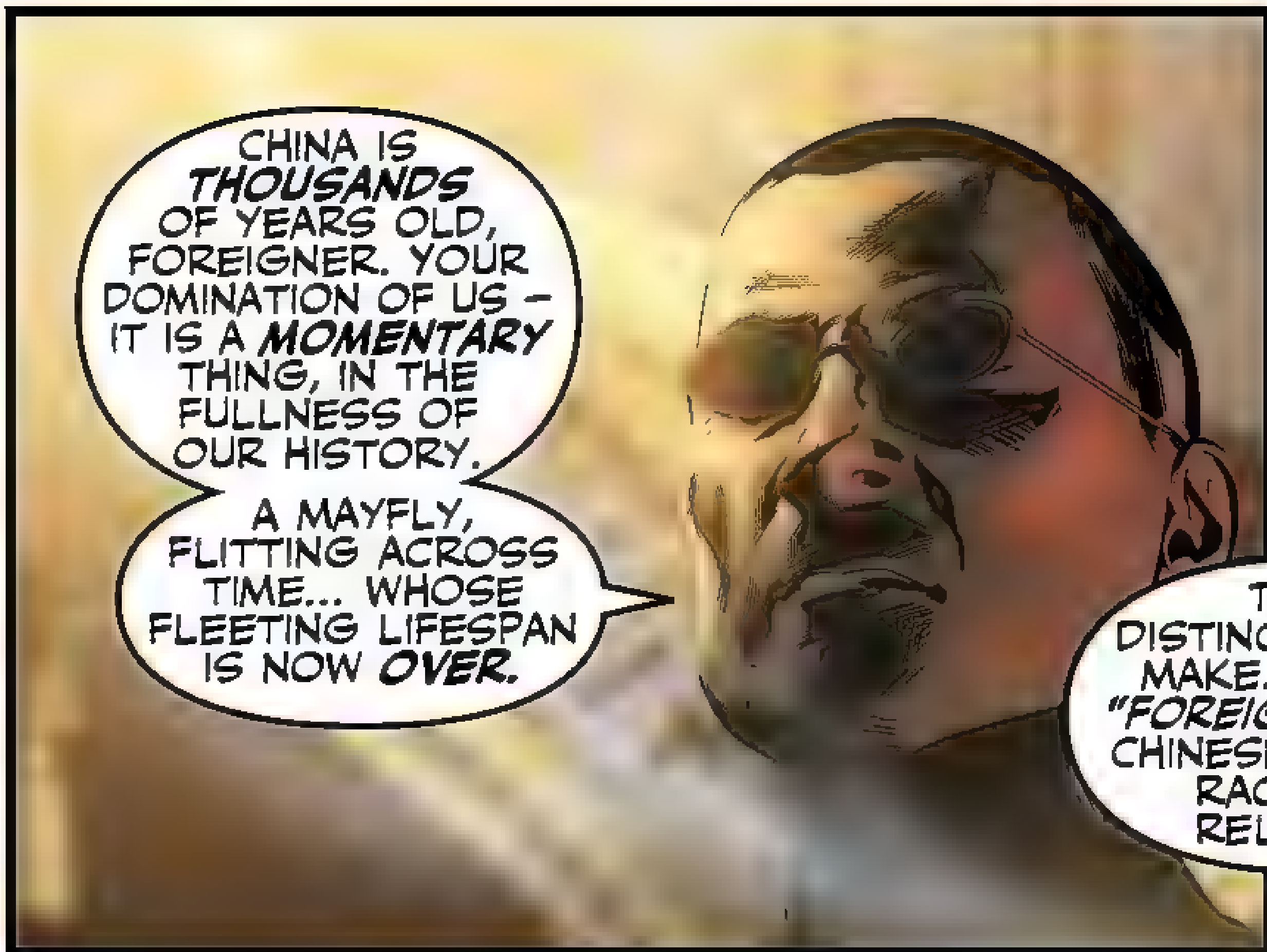








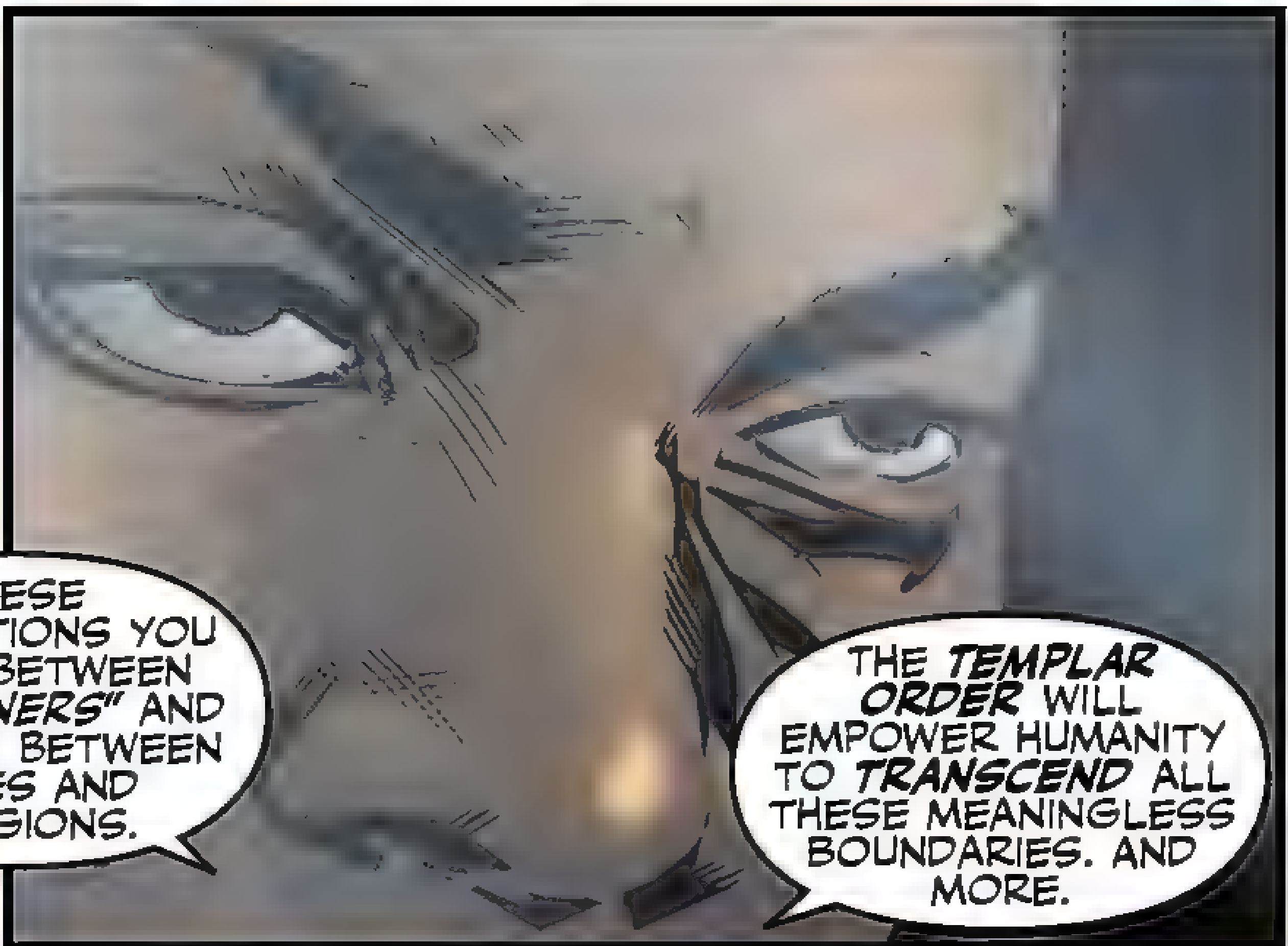




CHINA IS **THOUSANDS** OF YEARS OLD, FOREIGNER. YOUR DOMINATION OF US - IT IS A **MOMENTARY** THING, IN THE FULLNESS OF OUR HISTORY.

A MAYFLY, FLITTING ACROSS TIME... WHOSE FLEETING LIFESPAN IS NOW **OVER**.

THESE DISTINCTIONS YOU MAKE. BETWEEN "FOREIGNERS" AND CHINESE. BETWEEN RACES AND RELIGIONS.



THE **TEMPLAR ORDER** WILL EMPOWER HUMANITY TO **TRANSCEND** ALL THESE MEANINGLESS BOUNDARIES. AND MORE.



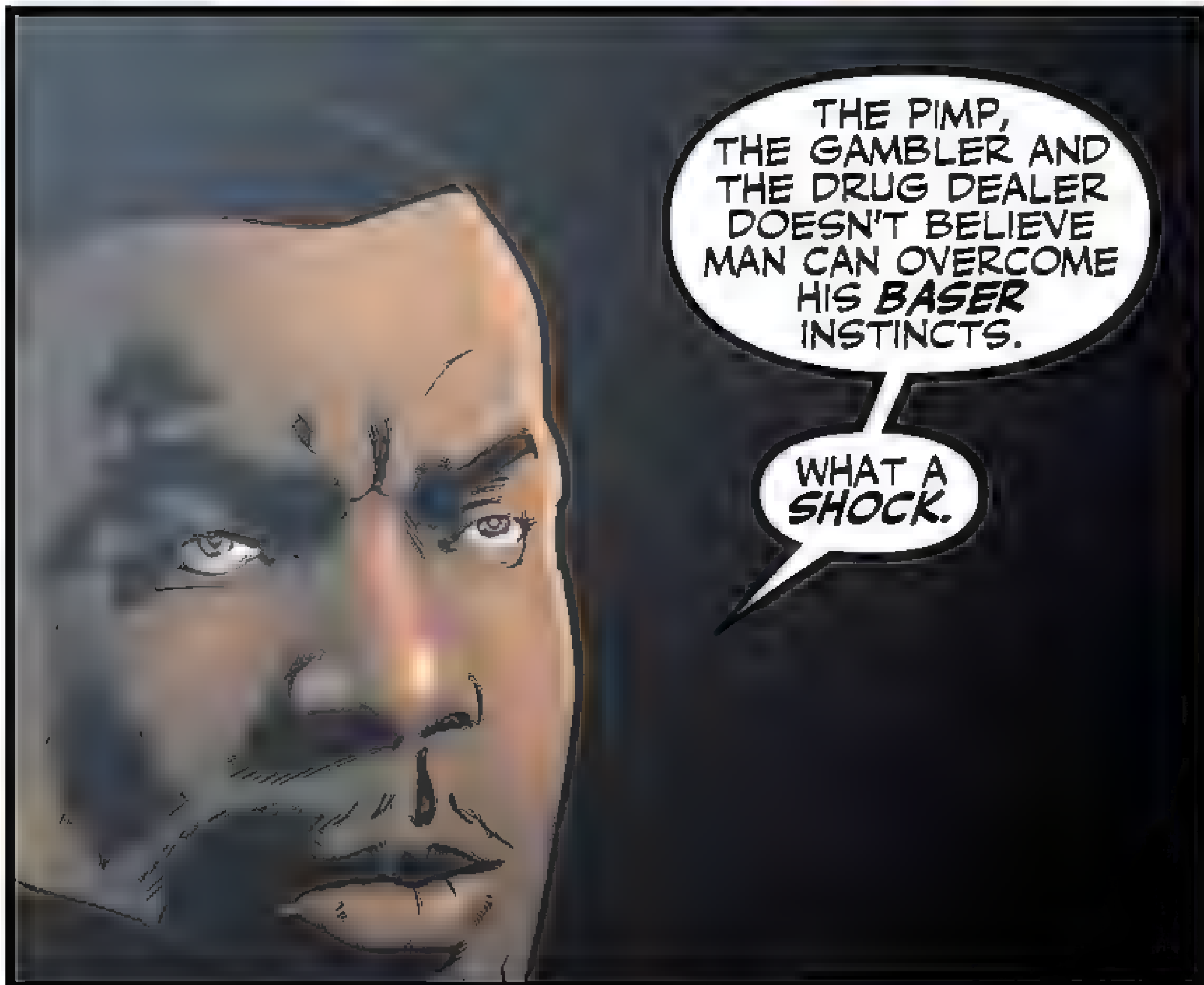
HA HA HA HA HA HA!

HA HA HA HA...



HA...
...OH.

OH, YOU'RE SERIOUS.



THE PIMP, THE GAMBLER AND THE DRUG DEALER DOESN'T BELIEVE MAN CAN OVERCOME HIS **BASER** INSTINCTS.

WHAT A **SHOCK**.



BASED ON WHAT I'VE SEEN OF YOUR ORDER SO FAR...

...I DON'T FEEL ESPECIALLY **THREATENED**.



YOU HAVE QUITE A LOT OF **GUNS** FOR A MAN WHO DOESN'T FEEL **THREATENED**.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND HIS ARMY **ARE** ON YOUR DOORSTEP.

YOU INVENT A PHONY TRADE UNION, HOP YO, AND GIVE IT A HIGHLY **VISIBLE**, YET **EMPTY** OFFICE IN THE GREAT WORLD. WHY?

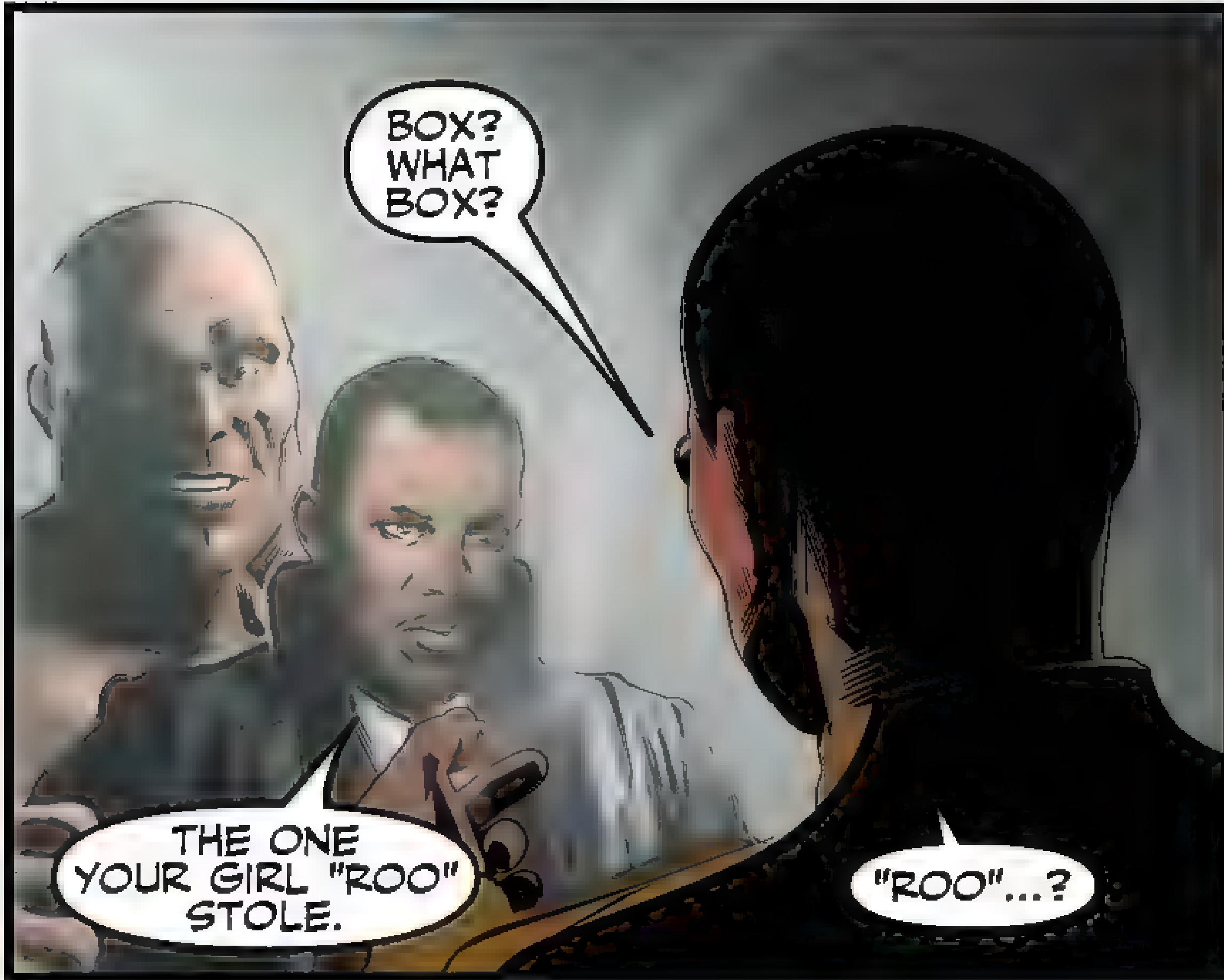


TO INFILTRATE
CHIANG'S **COMMUNIST**
SUPPORTERS, I'D
WAGER.

AND YET
YOU DON'T FEEL
THREATENED. RIGHT.



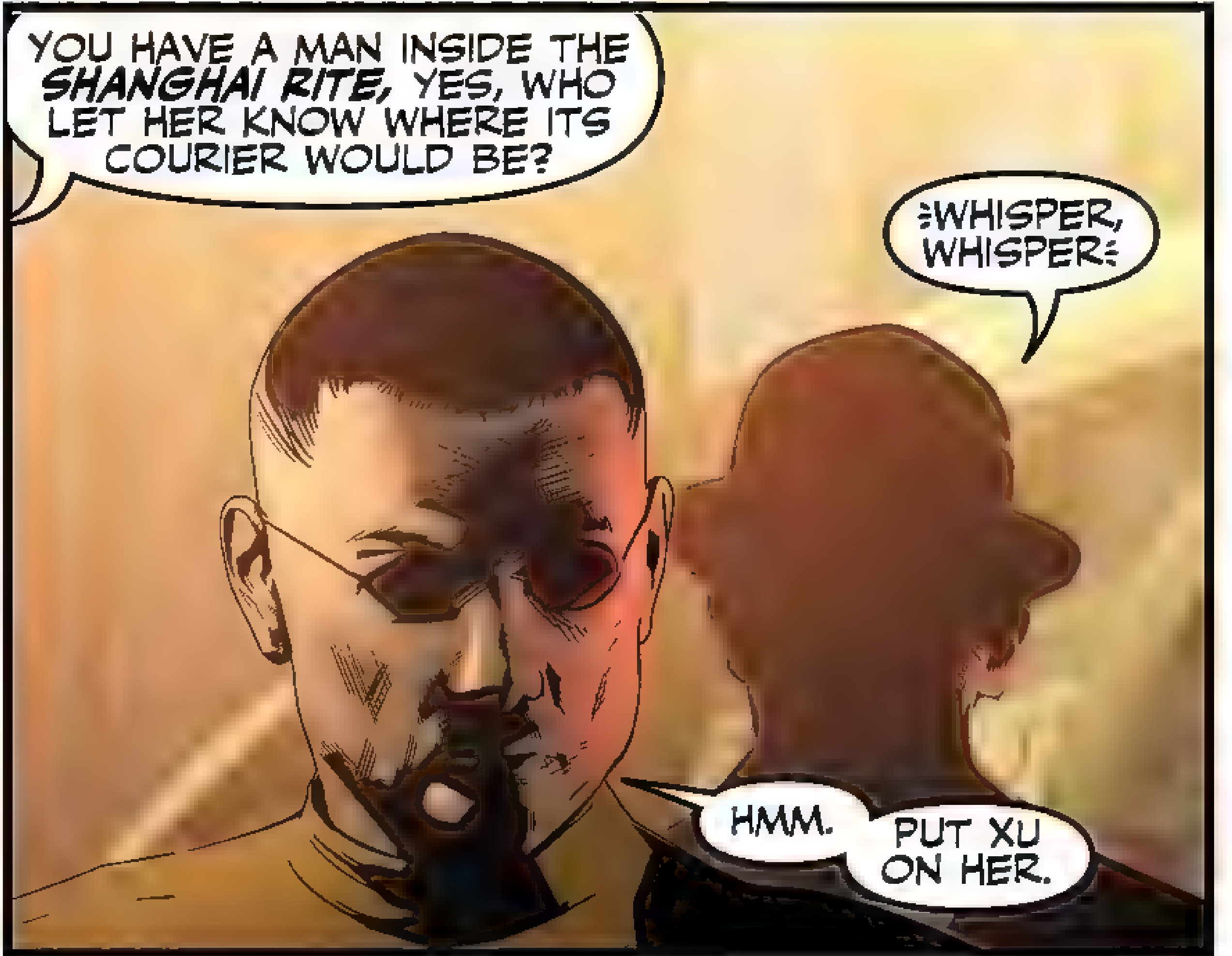
WHERE'S
THE **BOX?**



BOX?
WHAT
BOX?

THE ONE
YOUR GIRL "ROO"
STOLE.

"ROO"...?



YOU HAVE A MAN INSIDE THE
SHANGHAI RITE, YES, WHO
LET HER KNOW WHERE ITS
COURIER WOULD BE?

≡WHISPER,
WHISPER≡

HMM. PUT XU
ON HER.



YOU
DISAPPOINT
ME, "BLACK
CROSS."
I
CAPTURED
YOU ALIVE
TO LEARN
WHAT YOU
KNEW.

URNS
OUT YOU'RE
HARDLY WORTH
THE EFFORT.



FUNNY.
I ALLOWED
MYSELF TO BE
"CAPTURED" SO
I COULD FIND
OUT WHAT YOU
KNOW, TOO.

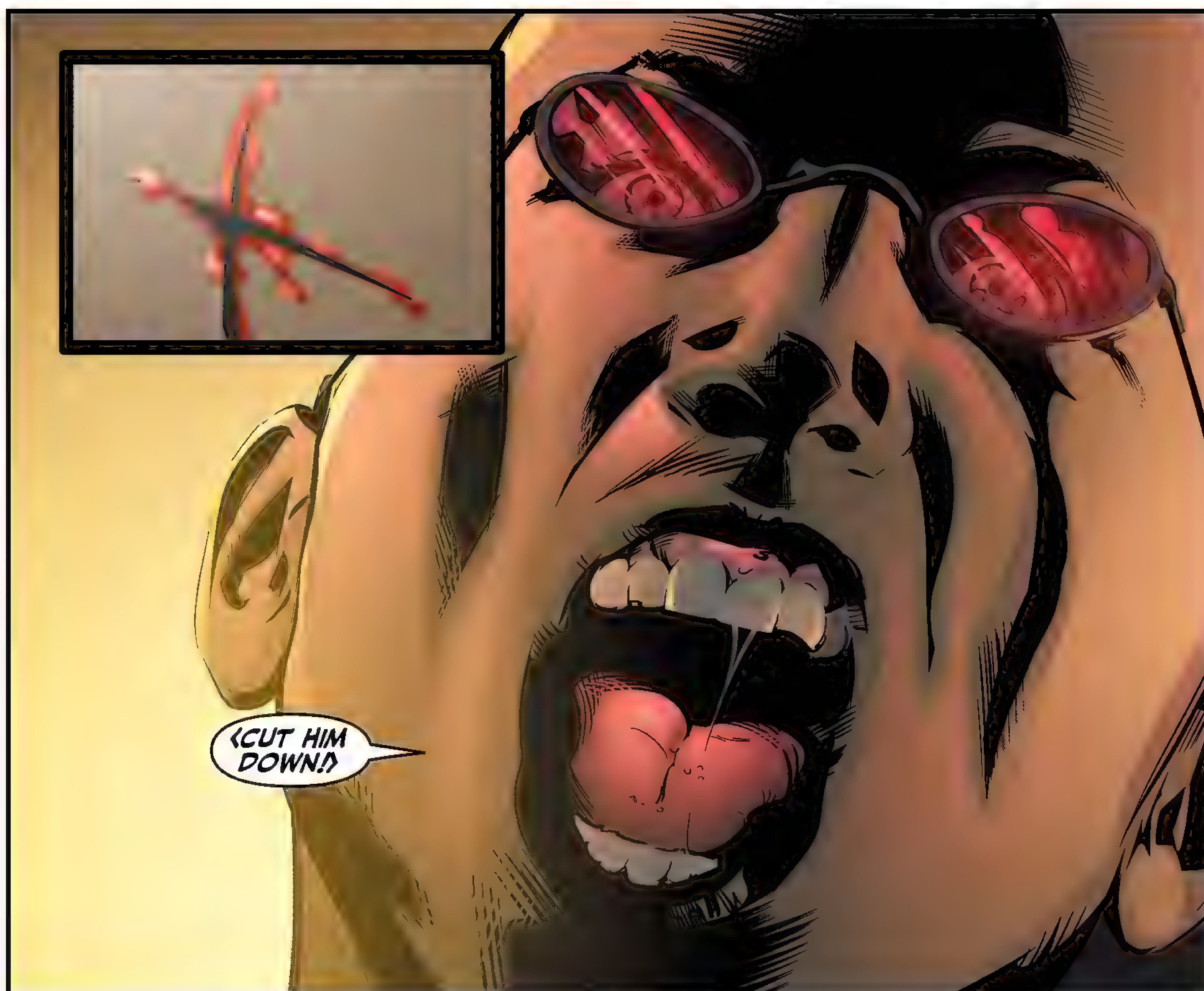


HA! YES,
OF COURSE
YOU DID.

THOUGH
WERE YOU TO SHARE
SOME OF THE SECRETS
OF YOUR WEAPONRY, I
MIGHT BE INCLINED TO
KILL YOU RELATIVELY
SWIFTLY.

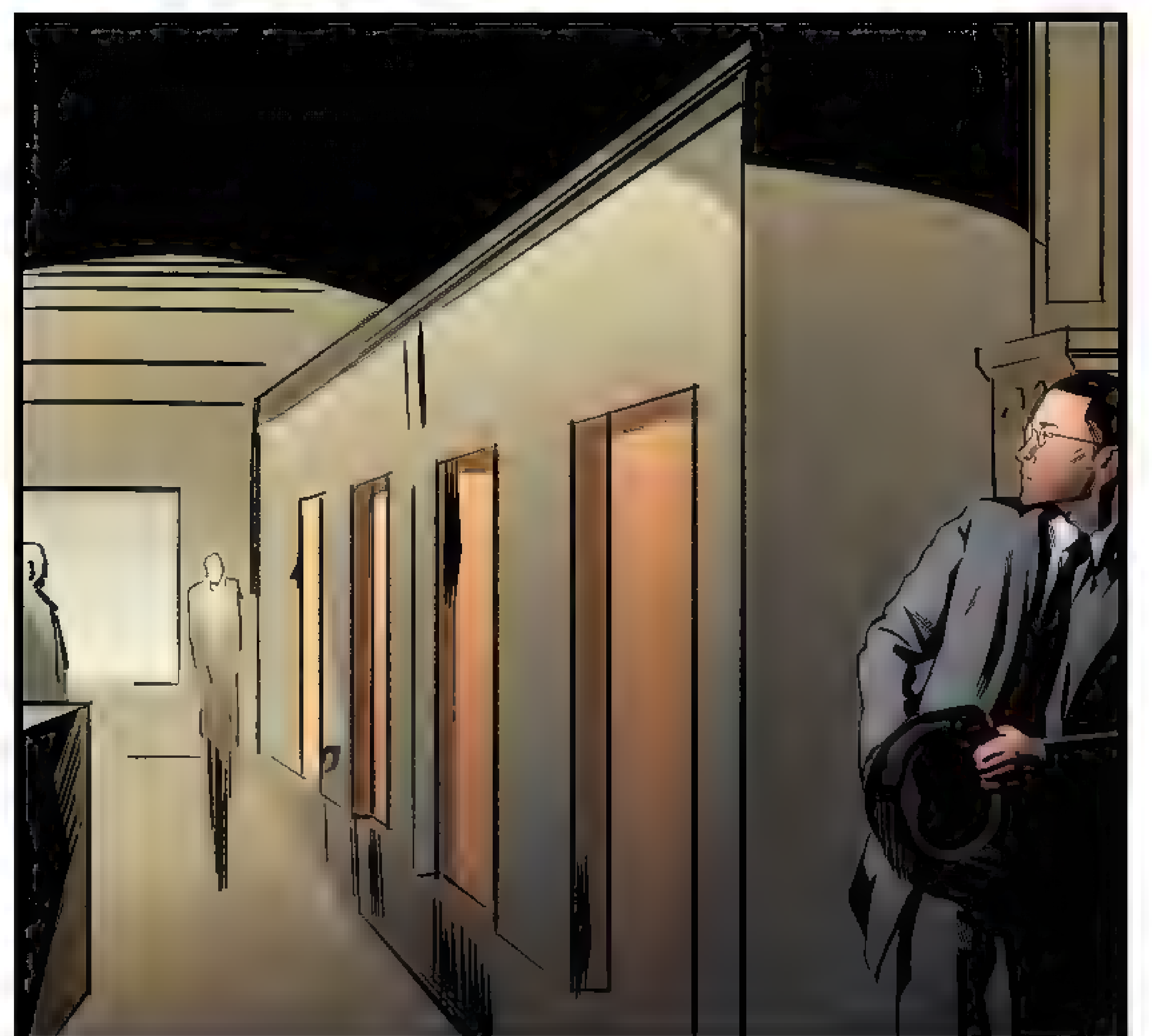
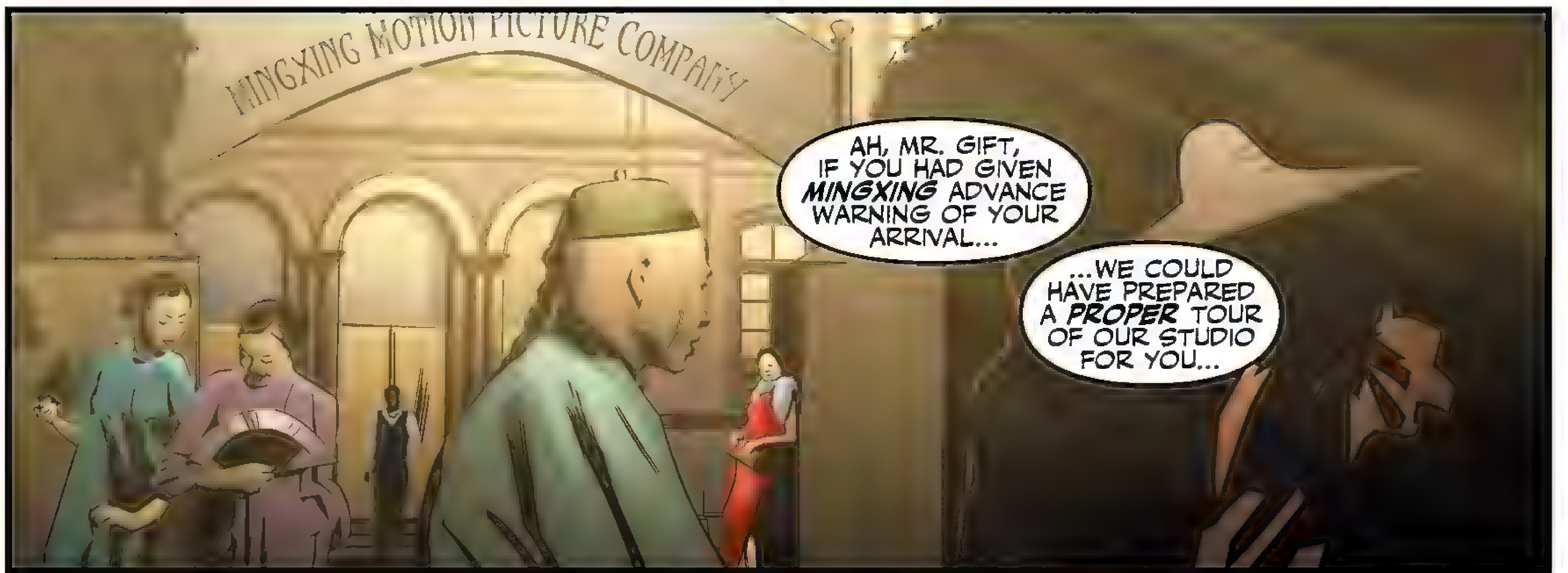


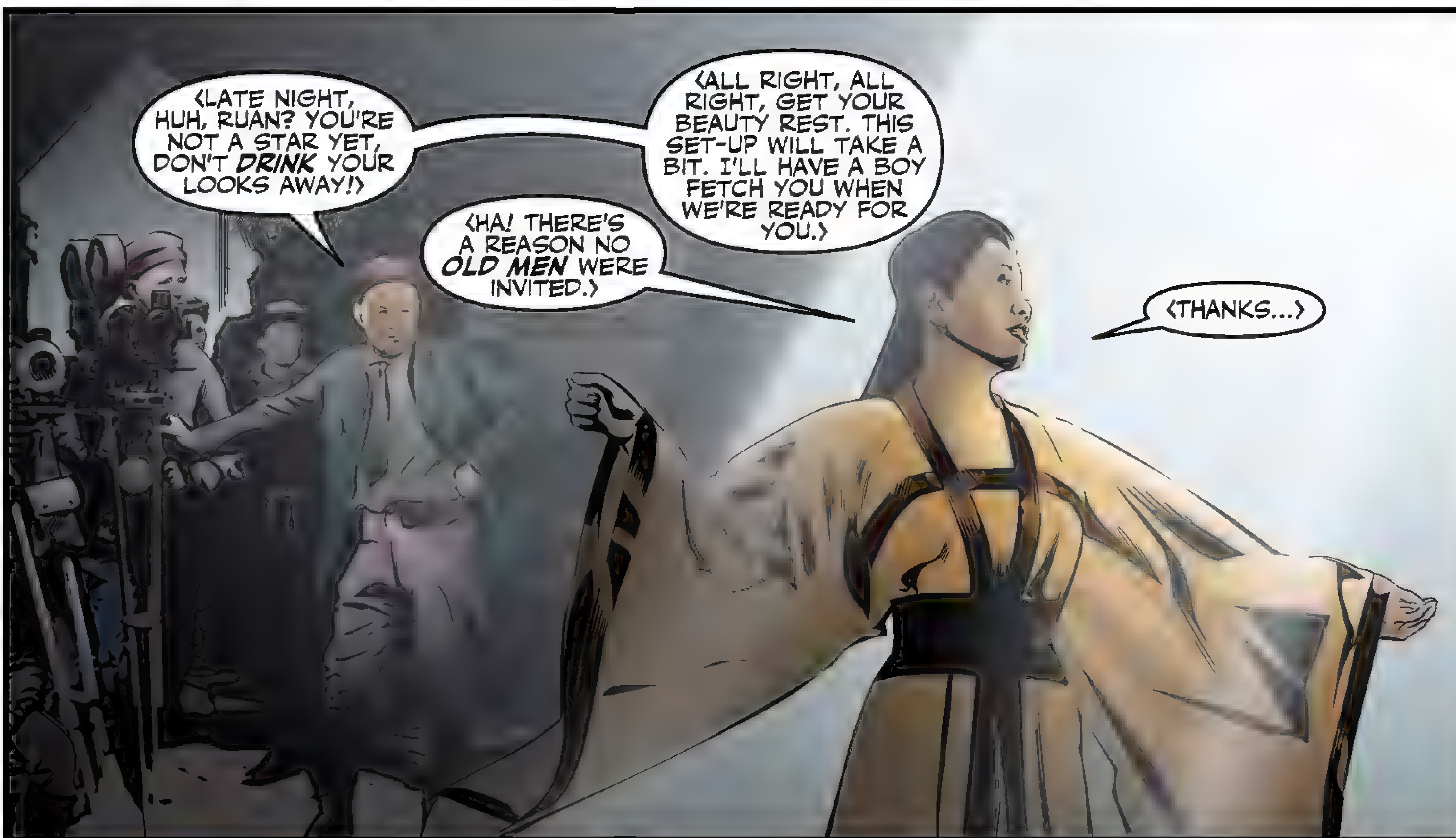
THIS
POISON BROOCH
FOR EXAMPLE ... THE
VENOM IS STORED
IN THE **HILT**,
YES?













ARE YOU TRYING TO SNEAK UP ON ME?

I'M NOT SURE BECAUSE YOU'RE SO TERRIBLE AT IT.









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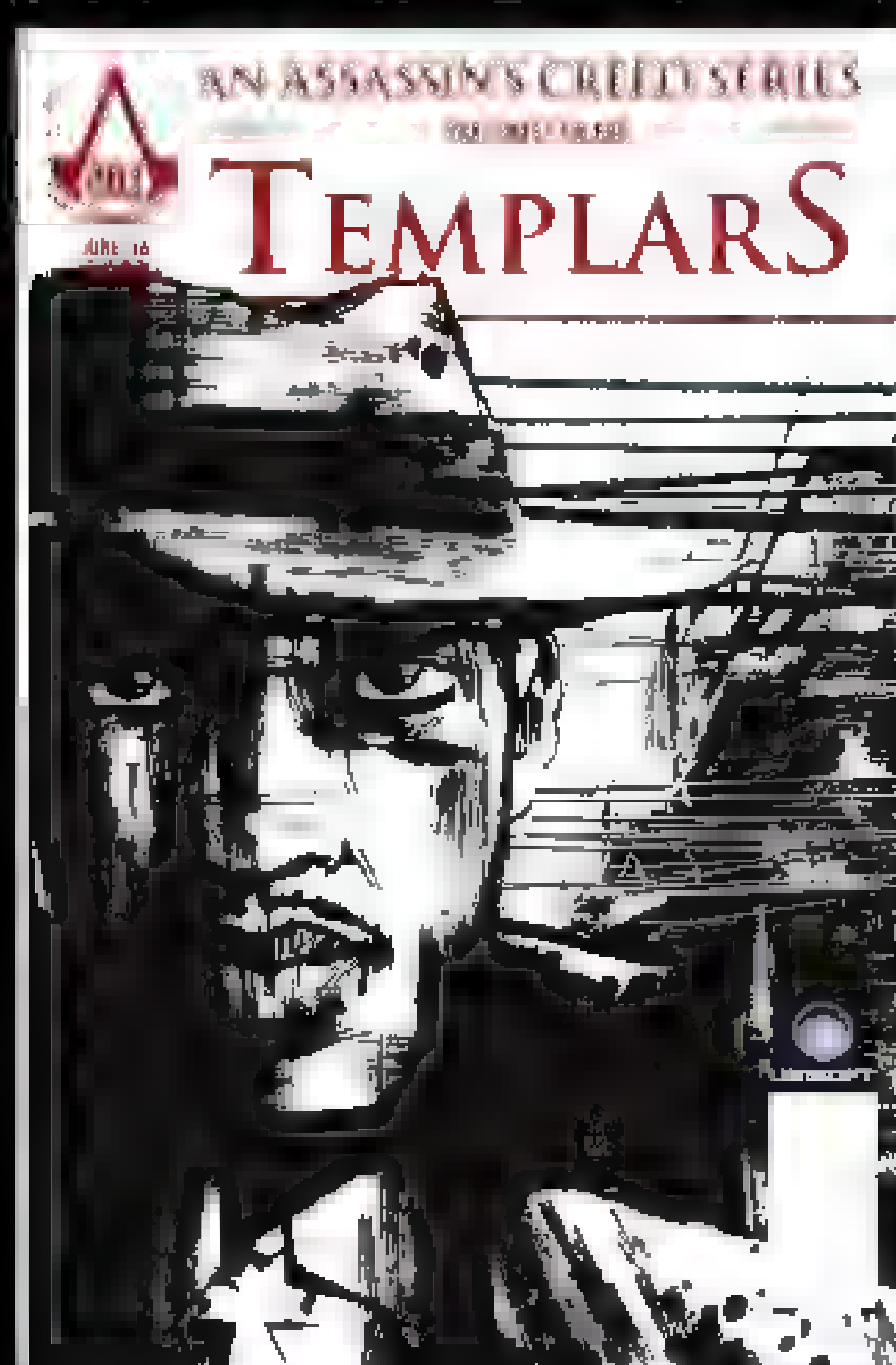
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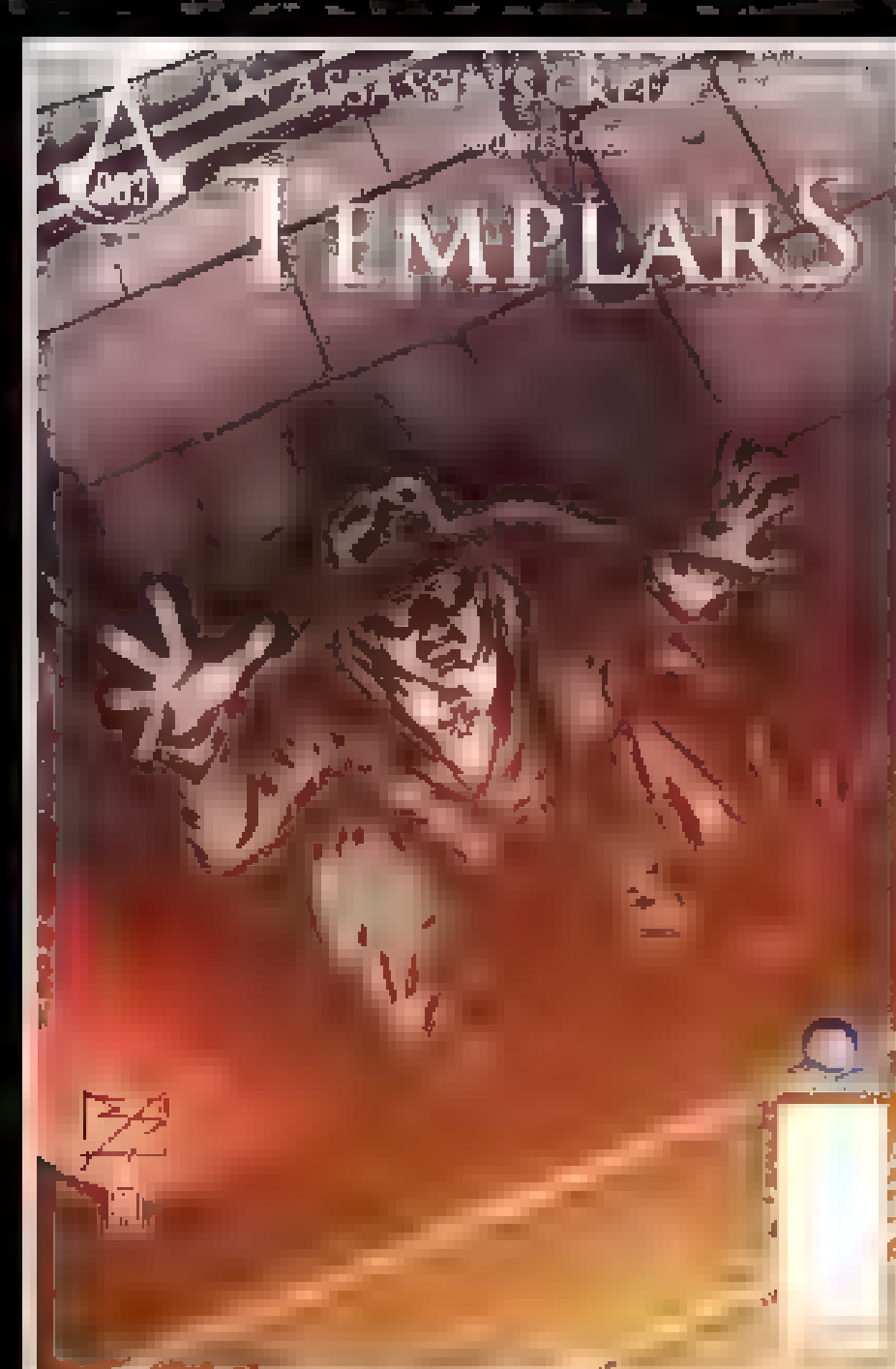
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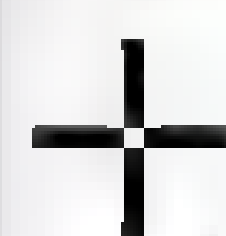


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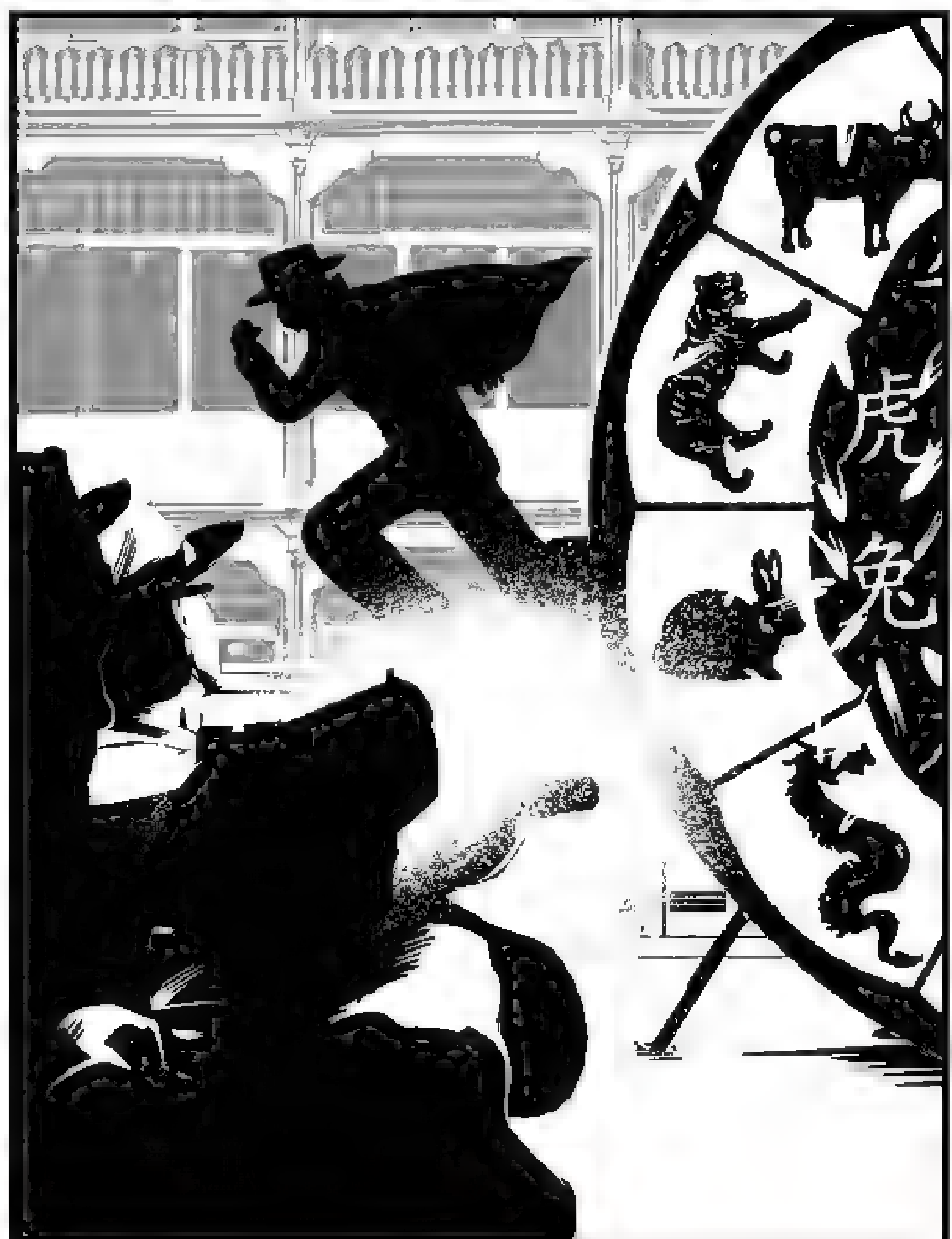
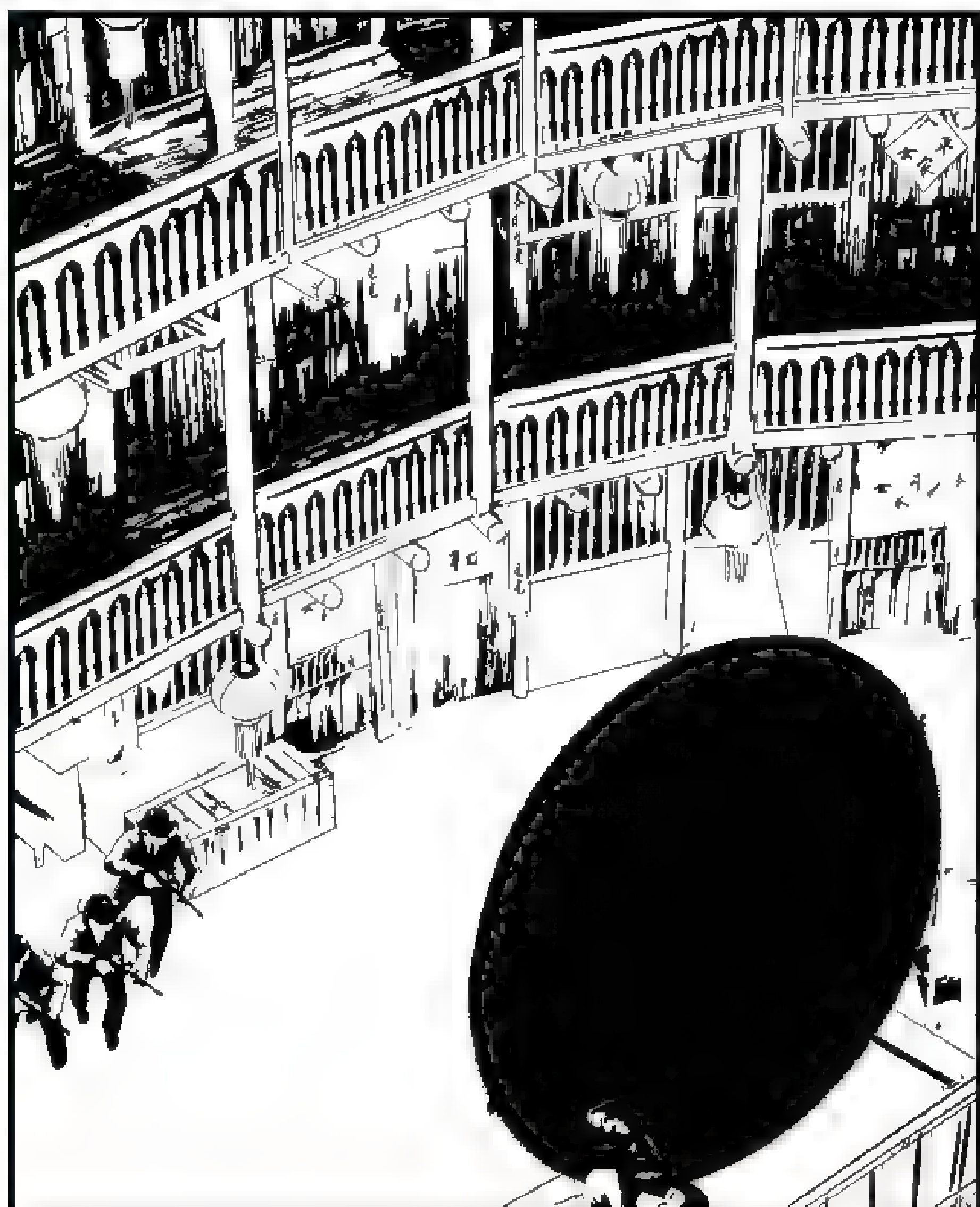
The streets of Shanghai are flooded with fear as the army of Chiang Kai Shek fills the city. When the International Settlement goes into lockdown, both Black Cross and Darius find they are on the Chinese side of the gates. Luckily for Darius, there's more to Roo than it first seems. Luckily for Black Cross, he is exactly where he needs to be...



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